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Santa Clara



# AGENDA REPORT

City of Santa Clara, California

Agenda Item # 7C-1



**DATE:** October 7, 2008

**TO:** City Manager for Council Information

**FROM:** City Librarian

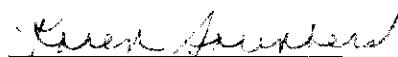
**SUBJECT: Santa Clara City Library's Placement on the 2008  
Hennen's American Public Library Ratings (HAPLR)**

For the past ten years, American Libraries, the journal of the American Library Association, has published the results of Thomas Hennen's survey and statistical evaluation of the nation's 9,076 public libraries. Hennen's American Public Library Ratings, or HAPLR, is a list of the top 100 libraries nationally, broken into 10 population groups with each population group featuring 10 libraries.

This year, Santa Clara City Library has again secured a location on the list of the top 10 public libraries in the nation for the population group of 100,000-249,999. Out of 332 public libraries nationally in this population group, Santa Clara City Library was again rated third.

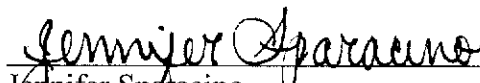
Also scoring well was Santa Clara County Library, ranking second out a total of 96 libraries in the population group of 250,000-499,999. Santa Clara County and Santa Clara City libraries were the only public libraries in California to be honored with placement on the list this year.

The ratings for the HAPLR are based on a compilation of 15 weighted input and output measures such as, "expenditures per capita", "percent budget to materials (collections)", "circulation of items per capita" and "volumes per capita". This is standard data reported by all libraries nationally to their state library.



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**APPROVED:**



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